

6. (currently amended) The composition of claim 9 wherein the human growth hormone comprises **[an] the** amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, the composition comprises a mixture of pegylated human growth hormone species, and greater than 95% of said polyethylene glycol is conjugated to **[an] the** amino-terminal phenylalanine of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

7. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 5 wherein each mPEG has a molecular weight of about 20 kDa.

8. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 6 wherein each mPEG has a molecular weight of about 20 kDa.

9. (Previously presented) A composition comprising the human growth hormone-PEG conjugate of claim 1 and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

10-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously presented) A composition comprising the human growth hormone-PEG conjugate of claim 2 and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

16-20. (Cancelled)

21. (currently amended) The composition of claim 15 wherein the human growth hormone comprises **[an] the** amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, the composition comprises a mixture of pegylated human growth hormone species, and greater than 90% of said polyethylene glycol is conjugated to **[an] the** amino-terminal phenylalanine of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

22. (currently amended) The composition of claim 15 wherein the human growth hormone comprises **[an] the** amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, the composition comprises a mixture of pegylated human growth hormone species, and greater than 95% of said polyethylene glycol is conjugated to **[an] the** amino-terminal phenylalanine of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

23. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 21 wherein each mPEG has a molecular weight of about 20 kDa.

24. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 22 wherein each mPEG has a molecular weight of about 20 kDa.